GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Indo-Maldives Talks on Terrorism
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maldives is holding talks with India for setting up a bilateral counterterrorism mechanism amid concerns over militant groups like Islamic State attempting to radicalise the citizens of the archipelago
nation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): During the recent visit of the President of Maldives to India on 11th April, 2016, the Government of Maldives highlighted the need for capacity building in view of their concerns on counter terrorism. Both sides reiterated their commitment to coordinate efforts to counter terrorism and radicalization and enhance cooperation in counter terrorism operations, intelligence sharing and capacity building. Besides a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Combating International Terrorism, Illicit Drug Trafficking and Enhancing Bilateral Cooperation in Capacity Building, Disaster Management and Coastal Security was signed between India and Maldives on 12th November, 2011.
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